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PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

*Matthew 25:14-30

INT: Parable designed to arouse Christians to activity and preparedness. See Vs. 13. Use talents.
 Principle involved: Vs. 28-29. Use it or lose it.
LESSON. LORD does His part well. Problem is with MAN!!!

I. LORD'S PART IS WELL DONE!!!A. God gives generously. Vs. 14.

1. Suggests ALL his goods. Ps. 24:1. I C. 10:26
2. Man to dominate and utilize. Gen. 1:28.
3. Any Failure not due to LACK OF OPPORTUNITY!

all is entrusted to you. Use well!!

B. God gives universally. Vs. 15.

1. Three men represent whole human race. *at all.*
2. Each given SOMETHING. Something expected.
3. Universal problem: Universal greed and selfishness. Wrong motive and use of money.

I Tim. 6:6-12. Make all can use well!!!!
will give an ack. II Cor. 5:10

C. God gives impartially. Vs. 15.

1. According to each's ABILITY!!! ~~I Cor. 10:13~~
2. Consolation: ALL MEN NOT CREATED EQUALLY IN TALENT. Much variety. Many reasons. *is in EFFORT.*
3. PROBLEM WAS ONLY WITH THE ONE TALENT MAN!!

1. Many do not use the ONE talent have!!!
 - a. ALL CAN obey the gospel! Mk. 16:15-16
 - b. MOST CAN: Come./Sit./Listen./Love./
 These are love-services=influencing!!

Jas. 4:17.

Heb. 10:25

III. Rich lady lost fortune. Came to Jesus. Had nothing but a smile.
 "I smile the members in." Great!

- c. OTHERS CAN: Write at home. Phone at home. Notes to bereaved in the name of Jesus. Call the sad, lonely and sick and shut-ins. "Just a love call"
- d. MANY CAN: Attend open weddings and funerals. Crowds are small. VISIT SICK SHUT-INS.
- e. III. Some look disparagingly at their talent and yearn for ANOTHER.
 Like Aesop's dog-reflection. Lost bone had. Poem: WORK* Henry Van Dyke.

D. SMALL INVESTORS AND INVESTMENTS SHOULD NOT BE LOOKED DOWN UPON.

1. III. Preacher in Sydney, Australia gave cong.
140—\$1 bills to "SOW FOR THE SAVIOR."

Each had: Something! / Same! / Small! / Potential! / RESULTS: \$140 grew to over \$500 by per. invest

1. Bought HONEY wholesale and sold it retail.
2. Bought rugs and shirts and sold for prof ..
3. Bought & raised guinea pigs for pets and U. of Sydney lab. specimens.
4. Fried rice, sold it. Made soup, sold it.
5. Made lampshades from liquor bottles and discarded tile. Cost \$5.00 each. Sold: \$8.00
Profit: \$60.50 given to church. #140 - \$500,

UNREAL! FANCIFUL! WONT WORK HERE! BIG JOKE

2. III. REASONABLE AND AN ENJOYABLE VENTURE!!!

ages 25-35. Wynnewood Hills Adult #2 class. 5-5-68 to 9-15-68.
Each member given \$1.00. May thru Sept.

350% ← RESULTS: \$20 turned to over \$72. Tripled! +
profit.) 1. \$2.77, earned buying silver quarters and
selling them at 26¢ each. Sold 77. Couple got #2.

2. Couple bought \$2 ad, sold old refrigerator and gave proceeds to the church \$20.00. 900%
3. Watermelon for good friends. Charged each 35¢ slice. Turned in \$3.50. (Some friends) + sold WILD
4. Picked blackberries and bought roses wholesale and sold retail. Profit: \$4.40.
5. Cooked birthday cakes for \$1 each and turned in \$6. 300% profit.
6. CLASSIC: Couple bought \$2 worth of plywood scraps. Cut them into kiddie paddles. \$1 @. Gained: \$13.00. Fun. Enjoyable lesson!!!
LESSON: YOU CAN DO MORE FOR THE LORD THAN YOU THINK IF YOU WILL ONLY THINK & TRY!!!

E. God gives trustingly. V. 14. Far! V. 19. Long!

1. Each on his honor. No encumbrances-barriers.
2. Each KNEW the Lord would return. Fair!
3. Each KNEW gain was expected of them. V24.
4. Each had the ABILITY, TIME, MARKET and the INCENTIVE to use talents for their Lord.

NOTE: No part of any failure could be charged to the Lord of the Household. Generous!

all know Ecc. 12:13-14.

INV: SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE ONE-TALENT MAN.

1. Could have been ignored and left out! WASN'T.
2. Could have been given 2 talents. TOO MUCH!!
3. Could have been given too little (wasn't!!!!) time. (wasn't)
4. Given equal opportunity, time, and gifts.
5. Got what he deserved: v. 28-30. WHY????
 - a. Rationalized when should have believed. 24
 - b. Wavered when should have loved. v. 24.

I John 4:17, 18, 19

LOST!!

SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE LOST TODAY:

1. Like one-talent man. MEAN TO BE?? *Surely not!* Profitless?
2. Not enough FAITH to venture out. John 8:24.
3. Not enough LOVE to TRY to do the Lord's will.
 I J. 5:3. John 14:15. Luke 6:46.

WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO:

1. Think about TRYING to please Lord. Better to try for 1-talent life than not try at all.
2. Consider *God's* His love for you. Blessings!
 Food. Clothing. Home. Family. Health.
3. TWO THINGS ALL MEN CAN DO:
 - a. Be grateful for our blessings.
 - b. Become a Christian to show that appreciation. Acts 2:38.....every one of you!!!!